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11. (SBU) Officials at the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) were pleased to receive reftel non-paper on June 17. Legal, Political, and Security Affairs Director Leah Ruiz of the DFA's Office of United Nations and International Organizations (UNIO) said that the Philippine Mission in Vienna had not sent details of the proposed package to Manila, so it was very helpful for Ruiz and her superiors. In sharing the non-paper, we underscored the USG view that if Iran's true goal is simply nuclear power, this package can make that goal a reality if Iran accepts the cooperation offered; we encouraged Ruiz to bear that analysis in mind while discussing the issue with UNIO Assistant Secretary Evan Garcia and UNIO Executive Director Grace Princesa. Ruiz confirmed June 19 that UNIO had shared the materials and used them in a briefing for Secretary of Foreign Affairs Alberto Romulo before his departure to the U.S.

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